

IT'S NOT A JOB . . . IT'S A WAY OF LIFE!

# **JOIN THE TRADITION**

FOR A CAREER WITH ... A FUTURE.

**JOB SATISFACTION . . . AND PRIDE!** 

Being a Maine State Trooper is a demanding, challenging and rewarding way of life. From the day you apply to become a Trooper you will have embarked on a great personal challenge. Our exhaustive selection process and rigorous training academy has set national standards for excellence. The reason is clear . . . only the finest men and women are good enough to wear the uniform and badge of the Maine State Trooper.

Recruits, while in the Academy, receive a salary based on a yearly rate of \$33,529.60. After graduation from basic law enforcement training, Troopers receive salary based on an annual rate of \$33,529.60 which progresses through seniority steps to \$45,240.00. Overtime is paid at one and a half times the basic hourly rate for time worked beyond an assigned shift. The value of State paid Health and Dental insurance is \$304.58 biweekly. The value of the State's share of employee's retirement is 26.10%.



If you've been considering a law enforcement career and are self-reliant and highly motivated with the self-discipline and desire to give us your level best, then you may be just who we're looking for. Look to your future; apply to become one of Maine's finest law enforcement officers today.

# BENEFITS AS A MAINE STATE TROOPER

Being a Trooper offers excellent benefits that include:

- A 25-year retirement system with an employee contribution of 8.65% (remainder is paid by the State).
   Troopers retire at 50% of their maximum salary while employees working over 25 years receive an additional 2% of retirement pay for each additional year worked beyond 25 years;
- clothing or uniform cleaning allowance of \$65 per month;
- phone allowance of \$9.00 per month, paid semiannually;
- night shift differential of either \$.40 or \$.50 per hour;
- weekend differential of \$.50 per hour;
- law enforcement related college degree incentive that includes an hourly stipend of \$0.19 for an Associate degree, \$0.31 for a Bachelor degree and \$0.43 for a Masters or higher degree;
- State paid health and dental benefits;
- paid sick leave earned at one day per month;
- paid vacation leave starting at one day per month to a maximum of 2 days per month based on seniority;
- assigned vehicle with a yearly allowance of \$260.00 for cleaning;
- promotional opportunities based on ability, education and seniority;
- each Trooper has an opportunity for a wide array of specialized career paths with lateral mobility.

#### WITH GREAT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- ✓ Accident
  - Reconstructionist
- ✓ Basic Cadet School Cadre Member
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- Chance
- ✓ Canine Handler✓ Commercial Vehicle
- Enforcement
- Community Policing Officer
- ✓ Computer Crimes Task Force
- Criminal Intelligence
- Criminal Investigation
- ✓ Dive Team

- ✓ Forensic Specialist
  - Pipe and Drum Unit
- Evidence Response Team
- Firearms Instructor
- ✓ Fitness Instructor
- ✓ Gaming/Weapons Unit
- ✓ Hostage Negotiator
- ✓ Pilot (Air Wing)
- ✓ Recruit School Instructor
- Tactical Team
- / Traffic Division
- Troop Investigator
- ✓ Truck Weights
- Violent Crimes Task Force

- ✓ Drug Enforcement
- ✓ EVOC Instructor

# **DO YOU QUALIFY?**

The Maine State Police is looking for qualified people interested in joining the ranks of an elite group of men and women who have dedicated their lives to a career of public service. If you think you are qualified to meet the challenge of being a State Trooper, contact the State Police training office for additional information 207-877-8025.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Age: Applicants must be at least 21 years of age

prior to entrance into Basic Law Enforcement Training at the Maine Criminal Justice

Academy.

**Education:** An applicant must be a high school graduate

or hold an equivalency certificate (GED) issued by the State Department of Education.

**Conduct:** Reputation must be above reproach. A list of

automatic disqualifiers can be obtained upon

request.

**Physical:** You must be in adequate physical condition to

perform the duties of a State Trooper. This includes meeting prescribed vision standards.

A valid driver's license upon employment is required.



#### **NOTE FOR CERTIFIED OFFICERS:**

Candidates selected for initial appointment who are graduates of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy 18-week Basic Police School (or equivalent basic law enforcement training program as determined by the Maine State Police and can receive a waiver from the MCJA Board of Directors), AND are currently certified law enforcement officers (or are able to obtain a Maine law enforcement certification) may be exempted from attending the MCJA's basic law enforcement training program at the discretion of the Chief of the Maine State Police. All other selected applicants will be required to attend and successfully complete this program.

#### **EXAMINATION PROCESS**

- 1. ALERT EXAMINATION: Applicants must have already taken and passed the ALERT test prior to submitting an application. This may be done by calling 207-877-8000 (there is a \$40.00 fee for this test.) Testing is normally scheduled for the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro, Maine. This test must meet the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's minimum passing score for entrance into basic law enforcement training. Test questions are multiple choice and fall within the categories of Writing Skills and Reading Comprehension.
- 2. PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST (PFT): Applicants must have already taken and passed the Pre-Employment PFT within the past year prior to submitting an application. This may be done by calling 207-877-8000 (there is a \$25.00 fee for this test.) Testing is normally scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro, Maine. The Physical Fitness Test (PFT) is a Pass/Fail test. It consists of three events: Maximum Effort Push-Up Test, Timed Sit-Up Test (one minute), and 1.5 Mile Run. Standards for successful completion of the PFT are available upon request.
- **3.** APPLICATION EVALUATION: Completed applications must include PFT and Alert Exam results, High School Diploma or GED and proof of date of birth. Applications that are received without the above mentioned documents are disqualified from further consideration.
- 4. ORAL BOARD EXAMINATION: All candidates successfully meeting the Minimum Requirements will be scheduled for an Oral Board Examination. Oral Boards are usually scheduled monthly and will be held at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro, Maine. The Oral Board is a structured examination that evaluates applicants' skills in the areas of Commitment & Independence; Judgment & Logic; Decision Making Decisiveness; Tact & Diplomacy; and Communication Skills. The Oral Board is a pass/fail component of the applicant process.
- **5. EMPLOYMENT:** Applicants who successfully pass the Oral Board Exam are given a conditional offer of employment dependant on successfully passing the remaining steps of the applicant process. A background investigation, polygraph, interview with the Chief, medical and psychological testing, and an additional PFT will need to be passed before a candidate is hired and attends basic training.

NOTE: Each component of the State Police Trooper examination process must be completed successfully. Failure to successfully complete a component after (or portion of a component) will result in disqualification from further consideration. Applicants who are eliminated from consideration, must wait six months from date of elimination before reapplying.

# **Maine State Police**

## **HOW TO APPLY:**

Applications are obtained from and submitted to:

# **Department of Public Safety**

45 Commerce Drive Station House Station 104 Augusta, ME 04333-0104 Tel. (207) 626-3814



Direct Hire Application Forms may also be obtained from

The State Bureau of Human Resources, Maine State Police Personnel Office and any local Maine Job Service Office.

MORE INFORMATION ON THE
MAINE STATE POLICE CAN BE FOUND AT

http://www.state.me.us/dps/msp

# Maine State Police

1925-2005

Eighty years of dedicated service to the people of Maine.



Maine Troopers.....
A PROUD tradition of SERVICE through core principles . . .
INTEGRITY, FAIRNESS,
COMPASSION and EXCELLENCE.